

## Meeting Minutes

### SPF SIG Epidemiology Workgroup

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011

The SPF SIG Epidemiology Workgroup met via “Meet Me” teleconference from 1:30 PM-2:00 PM on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The following people participated: Deborah Hull-Jilly, Randy Burton, Charles Utermohle, Diane Casto, Margaret Young, Jesse Metzger.

#### ❖ Updates to Alaska Epi Profile

Deborah Hull-Jilly is currently finishing up new additions to data sets which will be put into the revised Alaska Epi Profile. The SPF SIG team would like to extend thanks to everyone who contributed to providing new information on data sets.

Deborah, Diane Casto and Devon Urquhart will begin working with Glen Harvey of the Publication Information Team; he currently has a rough draft of the Alaska Epi Profile and we will be sending him updated information and graphics to enhance publication standards.

#### ❖ Discussion

- In regards to the layout of the Alaska Epi Profile:
  - It may benefit readers to use ten year age groups—standard age groups with a few going from ages 0-14 to capture adolescents; 15-19; ten year age groups thereafter.
  - It may benefit readers to break up race categories: AK Native vs. Non-Native. After discussion the Epi Workgroup chose to leave grouping by race as is; it provides an easy way to go back and forth between data sets and age groups.
- Deborah Hull-Jilly will discuss with the SPF SIG Project Staff how to effectively incorporate the SPF SIG Epi Influences Subgroup’s work into the revised Alaska Epi Profile. This information will be shared when a later draft of the Alaska Epi Profile is sent out to the Epi Workgroup.
- After the Alaska Epi Profile is updated, the Epi Workgroup will begin work on filling the data gaps in reference to child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault data. Melissa Stone, SPF SIG Advisory Council Chair, has requested a letter from the SPF SIG Epi Workgroup detailing the data gaps in the areas of domestic violence and sexual assault (dv/sa) so that we can partner together with the Governor’s initiative of ending dv/sa and work on addressing data gaps.
- Once the Alaska Epi Profile is completed, the SPF SIG Epi Workgroup will begin on breaking up data into regional profiles. This will be helpful to our SPF SIG grantees to have consumption and consequence data regarding their region. In subsequent years we hope to expand the IBIS to other data sets and other divisions.

#### ❖ YRBS and IBIS

Charles Uthermohle, a member of the SPF SIG Epi Workgroup and Public Health Specialist II working with the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), spoke about the incorporating the YRBS on a web base data dissemination system. The State of Alaska is hoping to work with the Indicator-Based Information System for Public Health (IBIS-PH).

The State of Alaska is currently waiting on an inner-governmental agreement with IBIS to sign an agreement with the state; the State is projecting that within the next 6-9 months BRFSS and then YRBS will be online. The IVIS system has two features: one is an indicator profile, such as searching for drinking and driving as an indicator. The second feature involves an active query system; any public member will be able to query a large number of variables by breaking indicators out by gender, region, race and age.

#### ❖ SPF SIG Project Updates

The SPF SIG Request for Proposals (RFP) has been submitted to our Project Officer, Allen Ward, for approval. Once approved, staff may submit the SPF SIG RFP to the State of Alaska Grants and Contracts for their approval and posting to the Public Notices. Our goal is to have the RFP posted by the first week of April, 2011 and to begin the application process. Please contact Devon Urquhart if you would like more concrete dates and times of the SPF SIG project.

#### ❖ Reminders/Next Meeting

To those working directly with data sets: please review your information, make necessary edits, add comments and e-mail your changes to Deborah Hull-Jilly. Also, please be sure to use "Track Changes" while doing updating your information.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30-2:30 PM. An agenda and reminder will be sent out to the SPF SIG Epi Workgroup prior to our meeting. The call-in phone number is **1-800-315-6338** and the call-in code is **8078**. We look forward to talking with you again, soon.